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Activity Defines the courses listed in the central DoD Course Catalog along with what a supplier can offer in OTA.

Activity Type One of the nine OPM Training Types expanded to include functional areas within DoD for use in OTA.

Address External (home) mailing address or internal (work) mailing address.

ADE (Application Data Export) An application which exports data in the HR system to desktop tools (such as word processors, spreadsheets, and data query tools) in order to manipulate the data.

Ad Hoc User-created reports using a query tool.

AFNG (Air Force National Guard)

AGR (Air Guard Reserve)

Alternate Position Hierarchy The customized version of position hierarchy using POA.

Application Error Message A message window that indicates you have an error and cannot log onto the system.

Assignment Links the People records with the Position records.

Assignment Type Identifies whether the person is an Applicant or Employee.

AutoRIF Extract Produces a Retention Register for RIF purposes. It is a separate application and operates externally using data extracted from the modern DCPDS.

Booking Priorities Defined by DoD to include: 1) Critical/Mandated, 2) Essential, and 3) Recommended.

Bulletin Board Used on-line in OTA to advertise upcoming events, provide instructions, course criteria, suspense dates, surveys, etc.

BUS (Bargaining Unit Status)

Business Rules Validates records behind the scene based on Component policies, procedures, and laws.

Category A group of activities (courses) that you want to schedule and administer as a program, or classify for reporting purposes. When a category is defined, you can specify it to be used as a program.

Clashing Events Double Booking or Double Scheduling in OTA.

Concurrent Manager Processes or updates a transaction for the region and then transmits to corporate database.

Civilian Inbox A system folder that displays notifications that were 1) initiated by you, 2) routed to you, 3) canceled actions, and 4) actions updated to the database.

CMIS (Corporate Management Information System) A central systemic update (within 24 hours) of regional data for DoD. Main usage is for Component headquarters with viewing and reporting capability only.

Core Document The core document or Position Description (PD) generated by the COREDOC application. Integrates the PD, performance standards, work plan and training requirements into a single document.

CPCN (Civilian Position Control Number) A combination of PD number and Sequence Number used to attach the core document to the RPA and uniquely identify a specific position.

CPDF (Civilian Personnel Data File) An OPM system for storing statistical data on all appropriated fund employees.

CSU Application (Civilian Servicing Unit Application) Application to retrieve standard predefined reports.

CSU (Customer Support Unit) On-site personnel office that handles the face-to-face customer activities for civilian personnel operations.

Current Record Indicator Identifies a record on a window as being the current or “active” record.

DCPS (Defense Civilian Payroll System)

DDF (Data Descriptive Flexfield) Customized field to capture additional information required by Component business rules.

DTS (Data Transfer System) Used to transfer information to CMIS.

Date Track History An area that contains date tracked changes/actions in HR.

Date Tracking A tool for viewing, maintaining, and making a change to a record at any given time – past or present.

Dated Information Information about locations, organizations, job, and other work structures with a From and To date on the Request for Personnel Action.

Default Folder The folder/window that opens when you access your Civilian Inbox.

Demo Project A method used to test new methods in HR.

Discoverer 3.1 A query tool for obtaining adhoc and standard reports from the Oracle HR database.

DoD Organization Hierarchy The centrally managed hierarchical relationship or structure of the various organizations comprising all or part of DoD. It identifies organizations starting at the Secretary of Defense and continues down through the various Components to the installation or base level or lower.

Element Pay, benefits, and entitlements data; e.g., basic pay, FEGLI, WIGI.

Employee Number A system-generated number, unique to an employee.

End User Layer (EUL) A process that provides users with the ability to create adhoc reports with the Discoverer 3.0 product or other query tools.

Enrollment The actual process of placing an employee against a Scheduled Event.

Event A specific instance (class) of an Activity, scheduled to run on given dates.

External User See Virtual Position definition.

Extra Information A flexfield which contains information unique to DoD or a Component and is a single occurring item.

FEPCA (Federal Entitlement Pay and Compensation Act)

Flexfield A data field that is made up of sub-fields or segments.

Folders Provide on-line views of information.

Futures Process which causes others reports to be executed.

Ghostview A behind-the-scenes application that allows viewing of the NPA/RPA.

GPF (General Protection Fault) An application error.

GPPA (Guide to Processing Personnel Actions)

Grade The pay plan and grade combination, i.e., GS-09.

Group Box Used with Civilian Inbox to forward actions to appropriate offices. A Groupbox allows a group of people to share a workload.

Hierarchy See Position Hierarchy description.

Hierarchy Diagrammer A feature that enables you to graphically create, maintain, view, modify, and print hierarchies.

Insertion Value A pop-up window that allows you to enter additional data.

Job A series of duties, responsibilities, or tasks assigned to be performed by an individual employee or position. It also includes artificial series numbers for positions that otherwise have no Federal series requirement, i.e., virtual and external positions.

List of Values (LOV) Possible data choices for the current data field.

LN (Local National) Non-US citizen employees employed in overseas areas.

NAF (Nonappropriated Fund)

Navigation List A list or “menu” of options based on your assigned Responsibilities. The second window that is available after you open the system. If you have multiple responsibilities, you must select one before you go to the Navigation List.

NGB (National Guard Bureau)

NOA (Nature of Action) The four-character NOAs have been customized by DoD, with separate printing instructions, in addition to the three-character OPM NOAs.

Notifications Summary See Civilian Inbox (folder) description.

NPA (Notification of Personnel Action)

OGC Occupational Group Code used in China Lake Demonstration Project.

One-Time Event Any Event for which you want to record basic information and enrollments, but which you do not need to define as an Activity. Typically, this is an Event that you do not expect to run more than once.

Organization Name See Position Address description.

OTA (Oracle Training Administration) An application that tracks training activities, enrollments, certifications of completion, evaluations, and updating of training history.

PAD (Payroll and Personnel Application Data) Individual employee pay and leave data from the pay period being reported and year-to-date accumulation.

PAS Code (Personnel Account Symbol) A unique identifier, similar to a UIC, used by Air Force to identify major organizational segments.

Payroll Interface Electronic transmittal of data fields common to both personnel and payroll systems.

POA (Position's Organization Address) It is used on the RPA and NPA to fill in the position's address.

POI (Personnel Office Identifier) An OPM assigned four-character number that automatically populates on positions after CCPO ID and Regional Codes are entered.

POID (Payroll Office Identification)

Position Individual work duties; not job.

Position Hierarchy The organization structure of an installation or individual unit used to create and maintain reporting structures and security, always defined from top senior position down in each unit. The hierarchical relationship of positions within an organization. Locally (RSU/CSU) maintained.

PIP (Performance Improvement Plan)

Program A group of Events scheduled together in OTA.

Query Various processes used to find a specific record or action.

Regeneration Process that allows for re-sending of interface transactions to DCPS.

Reports Requests for information with a predefined format but the user can choose which records to view by using a set of parameters.

Resource Any facility, person, or equipment used for an Event in OTA.

Responsibilities Determines the specific set of data, menus, and forms to which you have access based on your job responsibilities; e.g., Classifier, Federal HR Manager, Supervisor, etc.

Restricted Event A Scheduled Event on which only selected employees can enroll for training.

Resumix The automated business process staffing tool that interfaces with the modern DCPDS to fill vacancies from external and internal sources.

Roles Are designations that describe each member's workflow activities within a routing group or groupbox. Users can be assigned multiple roles in a routing group.

Routing Group Consists of one or more personal inboxes and/or groupboxes as part of the Workflow routing. Security is enforced by allowing access to predetermined group members.

Routing History Contains a history of all users who have routed a form to date and actions taken.

Routing List Defines the order in which a personal inbox or groupbox receives and sends notifications.

RPA The automated Request for Personnel Action standard form that enables supervisors and managers to request employee and position actions. It enables the Personnel Office to record staffing and classification actions, as well as make personnel record changes. It replaces different Component forms; e.g., SF52, DA 4017, etc.

RSC (Regional Service Center) Centralized Personnel Office where records for CSUs are maintained.

Scheduled Event A specific instance (class) of an Activity on which students can enroll and for which you can book resources in OTA.

Secure User ID Allows you to connect to an Oracle form within the Oracle application. The System Administrator sets this up.

Secure User View Access to records based on organization or position hierarchy. The System Administrator sets this up.

Session A unit of time within an Event for which you can independently book resources.

SIC Standard Industry Code used in creating a supplier in OTA.

SOID (Servicing Office Identification)

Special Information Type Categories of personal information that are unique to DoD or a component. These can be multiple occurring items such as appraisal.

SQL (Standard Query Language)

Status (Enrollment) Used with employee booking status types; e.g., requested, completed, waitlisted, etc.

Supplier Vendor or instructor (internal or external) who provides training.

Suspense Identifies need for system-generated RPA and will produce it (see Futures definition).

Target Grade The target pay plan and grade combination; e.g., GS-11.

Training Request Form Used to request training and forward through the Civilian Inbox to approving offices.

Trigger Errors System-generated messages occurring with system interruptions, also known as application system errors.

UIC (Unit Identification Code) A unique identifier for each of the major organizational segments (usually an installation or activity) in the organizational hierarchy. UIC is used for all non-AF organizations.

User Status Indicates in OTA whether the employee is placed, waitlisted, cancelled, etc. for a training event.

Validate Verify the information has passed all the business rules; used on the Position Window. Notifies with an error message if there is inconsistent data. Is not used on the People Window by DoD.

Venue Location of the Event in OTA.

Virtual Position The position of a military supervisor of civilian employees that is used as a “place holder” to maintain the hierarchy of chain of command. Job Series is 0002. The position may also be used for external personnel in a database, such as a personnelist located at a region who performs personnel servicing duties for a region other than the one to which assigned as an employee. The Job Series is 0003.

Wildcard Symbol used to refine/reduce your search for records.

Work Structure The fundamental definitions of organizations, positions, grades, payrolls, and other employee groups within your agency, which provide the framework for defining the work assignments of employees.